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NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371
AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495

1. The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacity as a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494), an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above-identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is **ACCEPTED** for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

2. The United States Application Number issued to the applicant is 8,200,000 and the relevant states are

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DATE OF RECEIPT OF DATE OF RECEIPT OF
35 U.S.C. 371(e)(1), (e)(2) and (e)(4) REQUIREMENTS 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO 103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above-identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 21(6)(i) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

3. A request for immediate examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(e) was received on 02/16/01, and the application will be examined in turn.

4. The following items have been received:

- U.S. Basic National Fee
- Copy of the international application
- Translation of the international application into English
- Oath or Declaration of inventiveness
- Copy of Article 19 amendments

Translation of Article 19 amendments into English

The Article 19 amendments have not been entered

The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any

Copy of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPIR)

Translation of Annexes to the IPIR into English

The Annexes have not been entered

- Preliminary amendment(s) filed 02/16/01 and
- Information Disclosure Statement(s) filed 02/16/01 and

Assignment document

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Substitute specification filed

Indication of Small Entity Status

- Priority Document

- Copy of the International Search Report and copies of the references cited therein
- Other

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